

CONFLICTING REPORTS OF ALLIES' BOMBARDMENT THE DARDANELLES

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GREATEST FLEET OF THE WORLD

The Adding To the Allies' Fleets Six More Battle Ships To Be Used In the Bombardment of Smyrna—British Authorities Deny the Turkish Report.

March 13.—The British triumph was damaged by reports. The allies' fleet engaged near the Dardanelles. Three British warships were sunk. The Turkish report claims that the allies' fleet has withdrawn because of specific reverses.

It is of the DeSoto County News, a weekly newspaper published in DeSoto County, Florida. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 3rd day of February, 1915.

A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk of the Circuit Court, DeSoto County, Florida. By Mary A. Moye, Deputy Clerk. Jones & Jones, Solicitors for Complainant. A true copy of the original. A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk of the Circuit Court, DeSoto County, Florida. By Mary A. Moye, Deputy Clerk. feb4-12t

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Gainesville, Florida, Feb. 6th, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Thomas T. Taft, one of the heirs for the heirs of Royal M. Taft, of Cornwall on the Hudson, New York, who, on April 26, 1911, made homestead entry No. 111716, for southeast quarter, section 7, township 40 south, range 26 east, Tallahassee meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Circuit Court at Arcadia, Florida, on the 1st day of April, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: E. J. Bailey, of Belmont, Florida; M. R. Hoffman, of Belmont, Florida; R. F. Watkins, of Noontee, Florida; A. Al. Grimes, of Belmont, Florida. ROBERT W. DAVIS, Register. W-2-11 to 5-11

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Florida, Feb. 6, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that John G. McNeal, of Sebring, Florida, who, on April 24, 1913, made homestead entry No. 011716, for east half of northeast quarter, section 34, and west half of northwest quarter of section 35, township 35 south, range 29 east, Tallahassee meridian, has filed notice of intention to make commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, at Gainesville, Florida, on the 25th day of March, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: Perry Etheredge, of Kuhlman, Florida; Charles D. Granger, of Sebring, Florida; Chester B. Treadway, of Sebring, Florida; Thomas V. Conway, of Kuhlman, Florida. Robert W. DAVIS, Register. W-2-11 to 5-11

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Florida, Feb. 6, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Edmund E. Barton, of Kuhlman, Florida, who, on June 17, 1912, made homestead entry No. 010510, for north half of northeast quarter, southwest quarter of northeast quarter, and southeast quarter of northwest quarter, section 23, township 35 south, range 29 east, Tallahassee meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Circuit Court at Arcadia, Florida, on the 8th day of April, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: W. H. Spivey, of Kuhlman, Florida; L. C. Webb, of Kuhlman, Florida; Sam Platt, of Kuhlman, Florida; C. C. Heasley, of Arcadia, Florida. ROBERT W. DAVIS, Register. 2-25 to 3-25pd

Notice. In the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for DeSoto County.

Florida Land and Home Company, vs. H. J. Shaver and Lillian M. Shaver, his wife. Publication Notice. The State of Florida, to H. J. Shaver, and Lillian M. Shaver, his wife, 718 East Eighth Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Greetings: Affidavit having been made and filed with bill in the above styled cause, that you and each of you are non-residents of the State of Florida, over the age of twenty-one years, and that there is no one in the state of Florida, service upon whom will bind you.

You are hereby commanded to be and appear at the office of the clerk of the above styled court, in Arcadia, Florida, on Monday the 5th day of April, 1915, to make answer to the bill therein filed against you, or the same will be taken as confessed by you.

It is further ordered that this notice be published in the DeSoto County News, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in DeSoto

JUDGE PAGE LENDS HARRY THAW A COUCH.

Prisoner Taken Ill at End of the Day's Session.

New York, March 11.—Harry K. Thaw, on trial here with five co-defendants for conspiring to escape from the Matteawan state hospital for the criminal insane, was so ill at the conclusion of the proceedings yesterday that Justice Page, before whom the trial is in progress, had the co-defendant moved to the hospital. Thaw, suffering from rheumatism, lay on the floor, his physician said, in the draughts in his cell.

While he sat in court yesterday, Thaw, to state's witnesses tracing all flight from Matteawan to New Hampshire, Thaw had a shawl thrown over one shoulder and the neck of a heavy sweater turned up to his ears. Unhappily, Thaw's co-defendants with their plan to escape, they will place him in the state hospital. They said they had to show Thaw that their client had recovered from insanity.

Nearly all of yesterday's witnesses were employed by Matteawan, or persons who had been one or both of the automobiles in which the escape was effected.

Each of the employees was asked questions designed to indicate to the jury that Thaw was sane at the time of his escape.

Many of the witnesses saw one or both of the machines during the progress of the flight. Identified one or more of Thaw's co-defendants as the men they had seen in them. One, however, identified a person as Thaw, and as Flood as Flood as Flood as Flood.

Flood, as Flood as Flood as Flood, O'Keefe, Eugene Duff, Butler, are the co-defendants. Franklin Kenney, attorney for the state, was in court.

As the state was not satisfied with the evidence, it moved for a new trial. The judge, however, refused the motion, and the trial continued.

The trial is expected to continue for several more days. The jury is expected to return a verdict by the end of the week.

ROBERT W. DAVIS, Register. 2-25 to 3-25pd

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Florida, Feb. 20, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Henry Kraus, of Sebring, Florida, who, on February 26, 1912, made homestead entry No. 010114, for southeast quarter, section 6, township 35 south, range 29 east, Tallahassee meridian, has filed notice of intention to make commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Circuit Court at Arcadia, Florida, on the 1st day of April, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: J. P. Brantley, of Sebring, Florida; William Schlosser, of Sebring, Florida; I. G. Collier, of Sebring, Florida; C. B. Treadway, of Sebring, Florida. ROBERT W. DAVIS, Register. 2-25 to 3-25pd

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County, Florida. 3-11 to 6-6

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Florida, Feb. 27, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Joshua Browning, of Venus, Florida, who, on April 13, 1911, made homestead entry No. 08363, for south half of southwest quarter, section 5, and west half of northwest quarter, section 8, town-

BIENNIAL SESSION W. O. W. CLOSES

PASS USUAL RESOLUTIONS. SESSION WAS LARGELY ATTENDED AND MANY MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE WERE DISPOSED OF.

Lakeland, March 13.—The biennial session of the W. O. W. closed today.

The session was largely attended and many matters of importance were disposed of. The officers of the order were elected and the financial report was presented.

The session was held at the Hotel Lakeland. The officers of the order were elected and the financial report was presented.

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NTS. for sale. Vigor. per thousand. M. Eden, Fla.

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LOAN on improved town lots, small rate. Mortgage Co. Joe Wilson Bartow, Florida. 2-11-t

ORANGE GROVE FOR SALE—For sale cheap, old bearing orange grove. Apply to owner, Julia F. Craft, Bridges, Fla. 2-25 to 3-18-t

FOR SALE—Fifteen acres of good land, one and a half miles south of Noontee, on the Fort Ogden road. Would take a good "Ford" in the deal. Write or phone, R. L. Hart, Wauchula, Fla. 3-4 to 3-25-t

YOUNG GROVE for sale; early and fruit; special varieties; elegant location; 3 miles out. Terms. Owner. R. F. D. 1, Box 26. 3-11-1p

WANTED—Orange grove to work. Best references. Willing to work. Address A. L. Smith, P. O. Box 44. 3-11-1p

FOR SALE—Milk cow and 3 months' old heifer calf, heifer yearling, one cow fresh soon. H. J. Welborn, Arcadia. Hickory street, near river. 3-11-1p

\$350,000 BOND ISSUE SOLD

ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 5 SELLS ENTIRE BOND ISSUE TO TERRY, BRIGGS & SLAYTON, OF TOLEDO, OHIO. MONEY AVAILABLE VERY SOON.

At a special meeting of the DeSoto county commissioners today for the purpose of receiving and considering bids for the three hundred and fifty thousand dollar bond issue of road and bridge district No. 5, the board entered into a contract of sale for this bond issue with Messrs. Terry, Briggs & Slayton, of Toledo, Ohio.

The bid of Terry, Briggs & Slayton was 95, and this bid, after due consideration, was accepted by the board and the purchasers agree to take up one hundred thousand dollars of the bond issue in thirty days after the bonds and transcript of record pertaining to the issue have been duly passed upon as to validity, etc., by the attorneys.

Mr. W. Lee Slayton, a member of the purchasing firm, is in Arcadia in person, and he placed in the hands of the board a certified check for seven thousand dollars, to guarantee his firm's good faith in the matter.

Mr. Slayton states that it is his opinion that all the proceedings have been entirely regular, and that no trouble will be encountered as to approval of the bonds, and if this is the case, the money will be available in a very few days for the road and bridge improvement expenditure.

This amount of money to be spent on public improvements in DeSoto county at this season will have a very agreeable effect on the general conditions of the section in which the improvements are to be made.

District No. 5 is represented on the board of county commissioners by Hon. D. L. Skipper, a prominent citizen and banker of Zolfo. The Zolfo district comprises some of the finest country in Florida, and its citizenry is wholly progressive.

Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Charlotte Harbor School House, on Saturday, the 1st day of May, A. D. 1915, in Special Tax School District No. 34, in DeSoto County, Florida, to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued by the County Board of Public Instruction for said district, in the sum of Eight Thousand (\$8,000) dollars, drawing interest at the rate of six (6) per cent. per annum, payable either in twenty (20) years from date of said issue or in installments to be paid at stated intervals during said twenty (20) years, the date or dates of payment to be determined by said Board of Public Instruction at or before the time of sale of said bonds. That Six Thousand (\$6,000) dollars of said bonds shall be used for the purpose of acquiring school grounds, building, equipping and furnishing the school house at Charlotte Harbor and improving the grounds of said school. The remaining Two Thousand (\$2,000) dollars is to be used for the purpose of erecting, equipping and furnishing a school building at Murdock, enclosing and improving the school grounds and other purposes strictly incident and pertaining to the establishment and maintenance of a school in said Special Tax School District.

The following persons have been appointed as inspectors and clerk to hold said election:

F. M. Larrison, J. M. Murdock and J. R. Mauck, inspectors; John Hagun, clerk.

By order of the Board of Public Instruction for DeSoto County, Florida this 14th day of March, A. D. 1915.

JAS. O. BICKLEY, County Superintendent and Secretary. w-18 to 4-22

Notice.

In the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for DeSoto County, in Chancery.

W. H. Cox and Cora Kingery, Complainants, vs. Dobbin Holmes, Defendant. Bill to Quiet Title.

To Dobbin Holmes, Cordale, Georgia: It appearing from the affidavit of complainant's solicitor in this cause that you are a non-resident of the State of Florida; that you are over the age of twenty-one years, and that there is no one residing in this State the service of subpoena upon whom would be binding upon you.

Now, therefore, this commands you to appear at the Clerk's office in Arcadia, Florida, to answer a bill of complaint filed against you in the said cause on or before the 3rd day of May, A. D. 1915, or said cause will be taken as confessed against you.

It is further ordered that this order be published in the DeSoto County News, a newspaper published in DeSoto County, Florida, for four (4) consecutive weeks from the date hereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at Arcadia, Florida, on this 13th day of March, A. D. 1915.

(Seal) A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk Circuit Court.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original.

(Seal) A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk Circuit Court. 3-18-4w

Notice of Owens Special Tax School District Bond Election.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Owens School House, the 1st day of May, A. D. 1915, in which the duly qualified electors residing in Owens Special Tax School District No. 7, who pay a tax on real estate within said Special Tax School District No. 7, DeSoto County, Florida, to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued by the County Board of Public Instruction for said district, in the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000) dollars, drawing interest at the rate of six (6) per cent. per annum, payable either in ten (10) years from date of said issue, or in installments to be paid at stated intervals during said ten years, the date or dates of payment or payments to be determined by said Board of Public Instruction at or before the time of sale of bonds. That said bonds shall be issued for the purpose of building, equipping and furnishing a school, acquiring, enclosing and improving the school grounds, and other purposes strictly incident and pertaining to the establishment and maintenance of a public

BRITISH ESTIMATE OF GERMAN LOSSES.

London, March 16.—It is officially estimated the Germans lost 18,000 men around Neuve Chappelle the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th.

BRITISH EMBARGO NOW IN EFFECT.

London, March 16.—The British order prohibiting maritime communications with Germany was sent by wire less to all British war ships today. No areas are specified. British ships anywhere on the high seas can arrest ships of any country carrying commodities to or from German ports. The Newspapers warmly commend the government.

London, March 16.—Up to March 10th, 106 British merchant ships have been interned, captured or destroyed.